Video Cassettes

1059. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for making available in the market on a commercial basis video cassettes on Freedom Fighters, history, education wild life and other popular T. V. serials ; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Delay in Delivery of Trawlers

1060. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* on the 3rd July, 1986 under the caption 'Procedural matters delay delivery of trawlers' ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are inordinate delays caused by procedural matters and inter-departmental clearance required for the delivery of Trawlers ;

(c) whether it has taken a period of two years to finalise a simple import licence and go over to other administrative formalities ; and

(d) what are the various steps Government have taken for improving the conditions of the Indian Trawler industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTUTE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There had been some initial delay (but not to the extent of two years) due to lengthy procedures for issuing import Licence for import of components for building fishing trawlers indigenously. The same has been streamlined in January, 1986. It is expected that the new procedure will substantially cut down the time for issue of import licence to various indigenous shipyards. However, efficacy of the system is under constant review by the Empowered Committee on fishing trawlers.

(d) The following concessions are being granted to the indigenous manufactures of fishing trawlers :—

(i) A subsidy of 33 per cent of the cost of trawler is sanctioned to the registered manufacturers of fishing trawlers in India, on their procurement of orders for construction of Deep Sea Fishing Trawlers.

(ii) A price preference limited to 10 per cent is permitted for the indigenous fishing trawler.

(iii) Import of components to the extent of 20 per cent of the cost of the trawler is allowed to the indigenous shipyards free of Custom Duty and without the need for DGTD clearance.

Export of Onions

1061. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of onions exported from India during